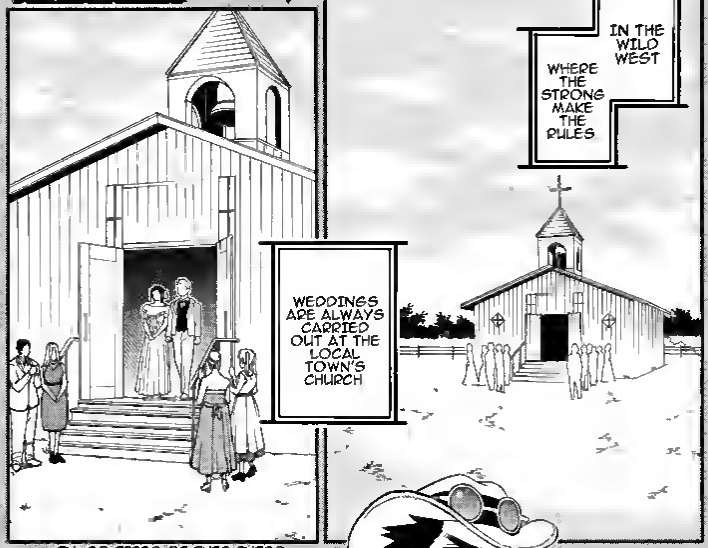

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SHERIFF EVANS!
WE'RE SO HAPPY YOU CAME!
DON'T MENTION IT...
BECAUSE AS A SHERIFF, HE HAS THE OBLIGATION TO MAKE SURE THE CEREMONY IS CARRIED OUT WITHOUT A HITCH
BUT EVEN ADMIST THE CELEBRATION, SHERIFF EVANS' EYES ARE STILL AS SHARP AS EVER

CHAPTER 17 A SHERIFF DOESN'T HAVE A SECRET MOTIVE

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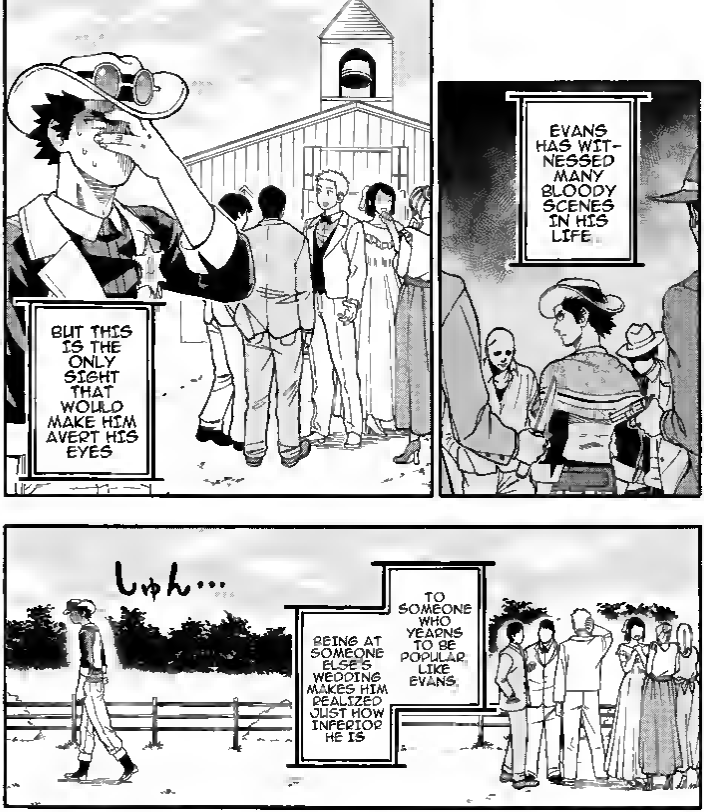
BUT THIS IS THE ONLY SIGHT THAT WOULD MAKE HIM AVERT HIS EYES
EVANS HAS WITNESSED MANY BLOODY SCENES IN HIS LIFE...
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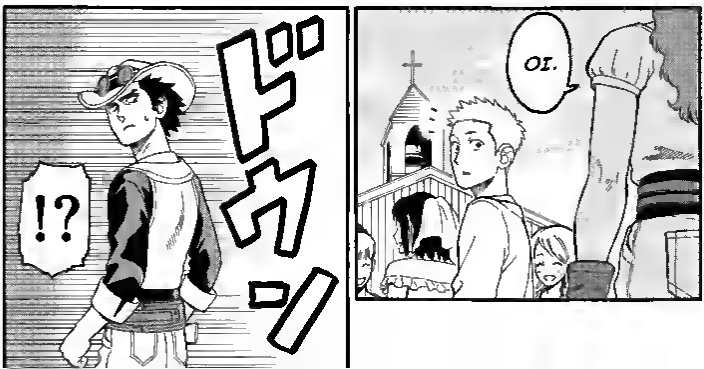
BEING AT SOMEONE ELSE'S WEDDING MAKES HIM REALIZED JUST HOW INFERIOR HE IS
TO SOMEONE WHO YEARNS TO BE POPULAR LIKE EVANS.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I OBJECT TO THIS WEDDING!!

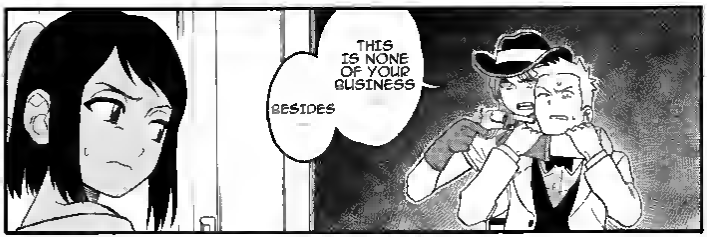
ELLEN...
I POURED MY GUTS OUT FOR YOU, DIDN'T I...?

SERA!! WHAT ARE YOU...!?

WHENEVER I TOLD YOU MY TROUBLES, YOU ALWAYS NOD AND SAY YOU UNDERSTAND...
BUT IT WAS ALL A LIE!!

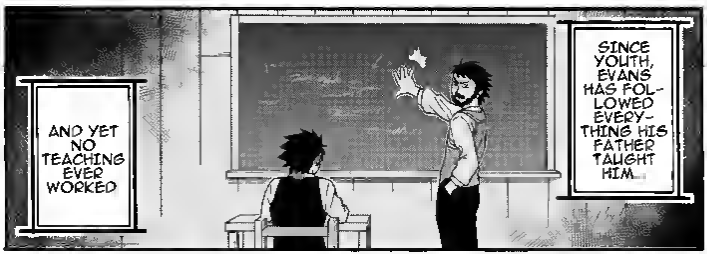
I ASKED YOU FOR ADVICE ON HOW TO MAKE THIS MAN MINE!!

YOU SHOULDN'T SPIT OUT CURSES AT A WEDDING, MA'AM.
THOUGH HE WOULD HAVE DONE THE SAME.
THIS IS ALL YOUR FAULT!!
NOW THIS IS AN UGLY SIGHT.


THIS IS NONE OF YOUR BUSINESS
BESIDES

HOW CAN YOU UNDER-STAND?
THE FEELING WHEN YOU DID EVERY-THING YOU WERE TAUGHT
ONLY TO REALIZE THAT IT WILL NEVER GET YOU WHAT YOU WANT!!

EVANS HAS FOUND A KINDRED SPIRIT.
SHE'S THE SAME AS ME...!!


AND YET NO TEACHING EVER WORKED
SINCE YOUTH, EVANS HAS FOLLOWED EVERYTHING HIS FATHER TAUGHT HIM.

YOU HAVE TWO CHOICES.
ONE... ELLEN ABORTS THIS WEDDING AND APOLOGIZES TO ME.

TELL ME, JUST WHAT EXACTLY DO YOU WANT?
HE NEVER THOUGHT THERE WOULD BE SOMEONE ELSE JUST LIKE HIM.

NO!!
WHAT KIND OF SELFISH REASON IS THAT!?
OR TWO.
I KILL HIM, AND LET YOU TASTE THE SAME FEELING OF LONELINESS I DID!!
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SELFISH!?
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LEAVE THIS TO THE PROFESSIONAL FROM NOW
ALL RIGHT?
SERA, PLEASE!
STOP BEING MAD OVER SUCH A SILLY REASON!
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TWO IT IS...!

I HAVE TO FIX WHAT I DID.
YOU WILL ONLY MAKE HER (AND ME) ANGRIER.
EVANS IS CONSIDERING HIS WORDS CAREFULLY.
SON, ALWAYS BE KIND TOWARDS A KINDRED SPIRIT, ESPECIALLY WHEN THEY ARE IN TROUBLE.
PA TOLD ME A LONG TIME AGO.
BY HELPING THEM.
YES, BUT SOMETIMES, THEY NEED TO HELP EACH OTHER TOO.
BUT AREN'T GUNSLINGERS SUPPOSED TO WORK ALONE, PA?

THERE'S A CHANCE YOU MIGHT WIN THEM OVER!!
BECAUSE HE HAS A HIDDEN MOTIVE.

SHUT UP...
YOUR LIFE WILL BE RUINED

STOP THIS, SERA

I DON'T NEED SOMEONE AS HAPPY AS YOU TO WORRY ABOUT ME!!

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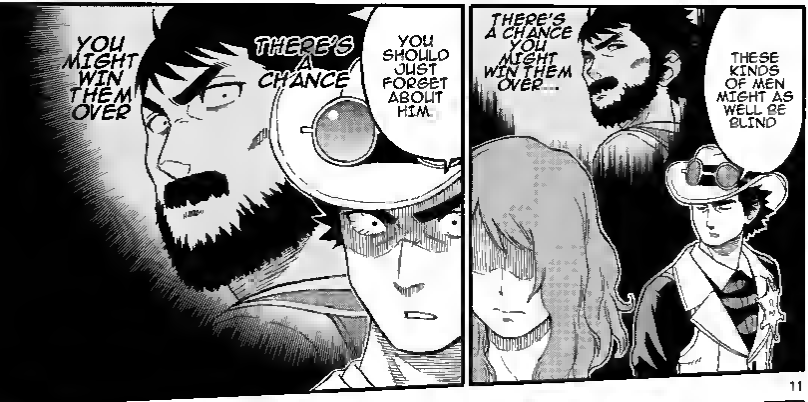
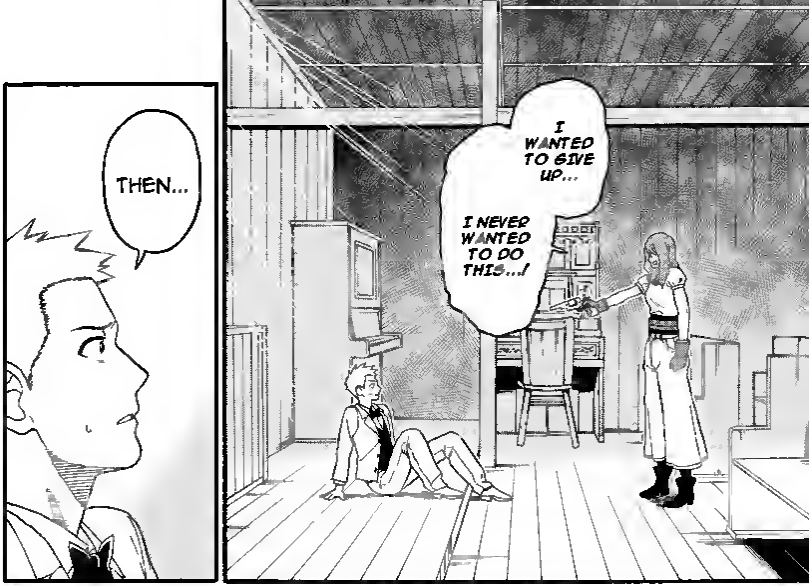
YOU THINK HE'S HAPPY?

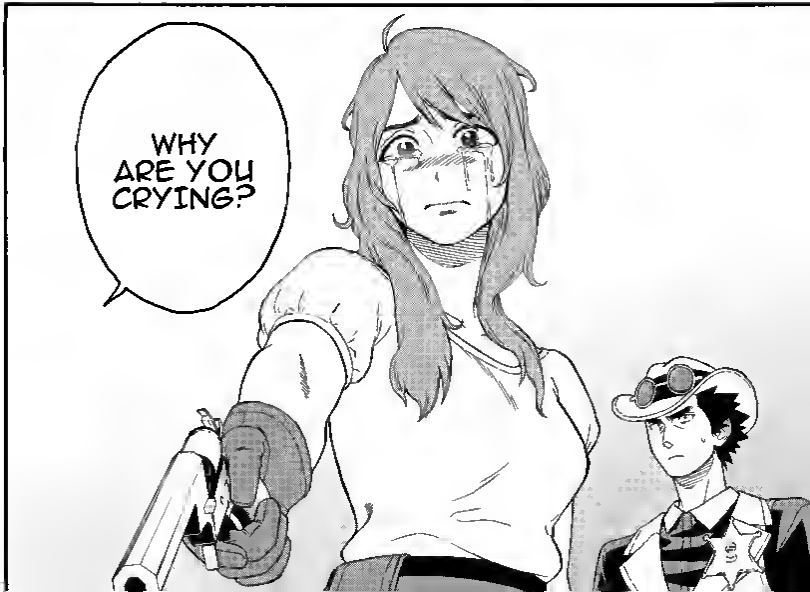
HE'S JUST A MAN WHO GAVE UP ON HIS SEARCH FOR THE LOVE OF HIS LIFE TOO EARLY.
SOMEONE BEING A SORE LOSER.

I SHOULD HAVE REALIZED SOONER, THAT THIS WEDDING
WAS JUST ELLEN'S WAY OF SHOWING THAT SHE IS SUPERIOR TO YOU
YOU MAY BE RIGHT


YOU MIGHT WIN THEM OVER
THERE'S A CHANCE
YOU SHOULD JUST FORGET ABOUT HIM
THERE'S A CHANCE YOU MIGHT WIN THEM OVER...
THESE KINDS OF MEN MIGHT AS WELL BE BLIND

I WANTED TO!


THEN...
I WANTED TO GIVE UP...
I NEVER WANTED TO DO THIS...!


WHY ARE YOU CRYING?

I'M SORRY, SERA
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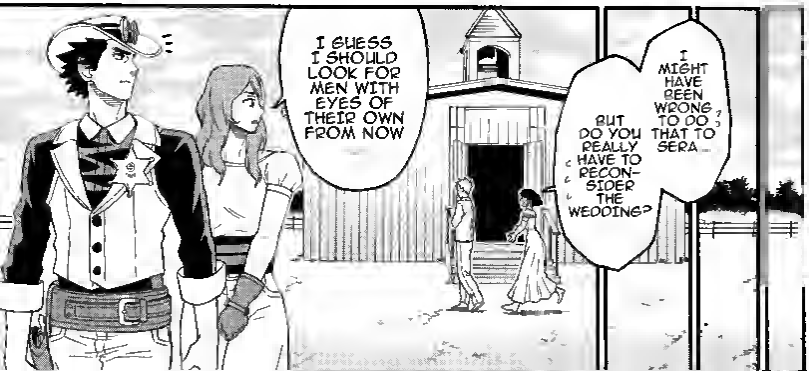
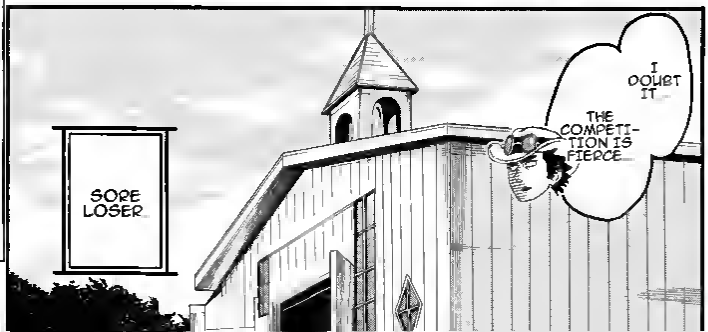
YOU MIGHT WIN THEM OVER
THERE'S A CHANCE
LIKE HELL THERE WAS.


I GUESS I SHOULD LOOK FOR MEN WITH EYES OF THEIR OWN FROM NOW
I MIGHT HAVE BEEN WRONG TO DO THAT TO SERA...
BUT DO YOU REALLY HAVE TO RECONSIDER THE WEDDING?



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